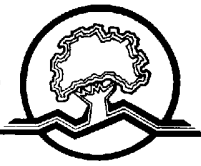


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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, CA 90265

Grant Application - Proposition 50 Non-Native Tree Removal at Temescal Gateway Park and Ramirez Canyon Park

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for Proposition 50 grant funding for the non-native tree removal at Temescal Gateway Park and Ramirez Canyon Park. The MRCA requests a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) which allocated \$200 million for the purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including but not limited to, acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs. Proposition 50 allocates \$40 million to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, in Chapter 10, Sections 79570(c) and 79571, for purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including but not limited to, acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs, and for the acquisition and development of facilities to promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources.

Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact our project manager, Lisa Soghor, at 323-221-9944, extension 105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Lange'.

George Lange
Vice Chairperson

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION				
Project Name: Temescal and Ramirez Trees		Amount of Request: \$ 75,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 75,000		
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		Amount of Match: \$ 0 Source of Match: n/a		
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Project Address: 15601 Sunset Blvd. , Pacific Palisades, CA 5750 Ramirez Cyn Rd., Malibu, CA		
		County	Senate District	Assembly District
		Los Angeles		
		Email: Lisa.Soghor@mrca.ca.gov		
Grantee's Authorized Representative: Cara McLane, Contracts Officer _____ <i>Name and Title</i>				
		323-221-9944, x117 _____ <i>Phone</i>		
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project: Lisa Soghor, Chief of Developed Resources _____ <i>Name and Title</i>				
		323-221-9944, x105 _____ <i>Phone</i>		
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Removal of non-native trees and vegetation for the protection and restoration of land and water resources in Temescal Gateway Park and Ramirez Canyon Park.				
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 50				
Narrative/Project Description: Temescal Gateway Park and Ramirez Canyon Park are two highly developed parks owned by the Conservancy. Under previous ownership in both parks, many non-native trees were planted. These trees impede the growth and continued health of the native vegetation in the canyons. Their removal will encourage the development of more vigorous native ecosystems. At Ramirez Canyon Park, the slopes were planted heavily with pine trees. Underneath the pine canopy, small oaks and walnuts are trying to establish themselves. MRCA staff has removed some pines and other non-native trees on the property in the past, but many more still need to come out. In Temescal Canyon, eucalyptus trees line the stream corridor that runs through the center of the park. They are also planted on the slopes throughout the park. The eucalyptus are prone to dropping limbs and are highly flammable. In the past, falling limbs have severely damaged nearby oaks. To protect the native vegetation in the park and to foster growth of native sycamores and other riparian vegetation, the eucalyptus trees need to be removed.				

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A combination of outside contractors and MRCA staff will be used to eliminate the non-native trees in both parks. MRCA staff will make every effort to protect existing oaks, sycamores and other significant native plants within the removal areas.

Tasks / Milestones:

- 1 Tree Removal
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Budget:

\$ 75,000

Completion Date

June 30, 2008

Acquisition Projects:

APN(s): n/a

Acreage: n/a

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Interim Form SMM-001

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